

NEW YORK SPIES GREATLY ELATED

Members of German Intelligence Department Reach England; Working in Gotham Headquarters.

NEW YORK, Feb. 13.—Amongst the "inner circle" of the Germans in New York there has been more rejoicing over the safe arrival in Liverpool or the Lusitania, of the Cunard liner, than over any other wartime event since the German fleet's victory of Coronel. The rejoicing is due to the fact that on board the Lusitania were no fewer than eight persons in the voluntary service of the intelligence department of the German government, charged with the extremely hazardous mission of ascertaining certain important facts about Great Britain and her military and naval preparations.

The eight men who went abroad last week were in charge of a man known to hundreds of persons in this city. He is described as a person of superlative daring, and the fact that, although he was born and educated in Germany, he went abroad last week as an Englishman, bearing English official papers and listed on the passenger list under an English name, indicates that he fears nothing. For years the leader of the party had been in business in the lower part of the city and with a branch office in Boston. When the war started his business suffered greatly and he abandoned it so that he might devote his time and means to the service of his Fatherland. In preparing for the trip aboard the Lusitania he spent at most one thousand dollars for English clothing and baggage. He even took great pains in acquiring an English accent.

The seven men who accompanied the leader of the expedition had been in this country for years and at least one of them obtained his first citizenship papers. None of them, however, went on the journey with American passports. All went openly as English subjects, and all expect to return without any trouble from the British authorities.

Men connected with the German intelligence bureau in this city were confident yesterday that the eight had reached England to safety.

The kaiser's edict that neutral vessels in the North sea may be sunk has caused great indignation and dismay among the men in the local intelligence bureau because it is likely to result in delay in sending information to Germany from this country. If neutral ships are withdrawn from the service between New York and European ports it will mean that there will be great delay in keeping Berlin informed on important matters gleaned by the kaiser's agents, who have their headquarters in a certain office building in lower Broadway. This Broadway office building has "wires of all kinds reaching to every city in the United States and Canada and to practically every port in South America and the West Indies, and even most of the German agents in the far east make their reports to Berlin through the New York office."

The British intelligence bureau in this city has been much chagrined recently. It was learned yesterday that the German agents in Halifax are able, apparently without the use of the telegraph or cable lines to this city, to deliver information concerning Halifax troop movements with more expedition than the British agents. It is confidently believed by persons high in the British government service both here and in Canada that the Germans are arranging for some kind of a move to be made at or against Halifax. The activity of the dynamiter Horn at Vancouver, Me., last week added to this fear. It was said yesterday.

In connection with the "spy fever" from which both British and German residents of New York have been suffering since the war started, it is considered remarkable that both governments employ operatives from the same detective agency and practically every one of these detectives is an American.

For several months the British agents in this city have been working hard to discover the whereabouts of about three hundred thousand rifles and many million pounds of ammunition which are said to have been bought from a South American country by the New York agents of the German government. This large purchase of guns and ammunition is believed by the British to have come to this country and to be stored somewhere not far from this port. Just why Germany should buy such a large number of guns which it will be impossible to send to Germany so long as Great Britain retains control of the seas is a mystery, but it is believed that the purchase was made for the sole purpose of preventing the supply from falling into the hands of the allies, who at the time of the purchase were in greater need of rifles and cartridges than Germany. The suspicion that such a store of rifles is in the possession of the Germans in this country had had much to do. It was stated yesterday, with the unending along the Canadian border, where for the last three months there has been constant preparations against an invasion from the American side.

Two Hundred Attend Lincoln Day Banquet

Achievements of the Republican party, founded and fathered by Abraham Lincoln, the importance of the Republican party bears to American history and the everlasting influence and inspiration that Lincoln will hold on the American people, were told about at the banquet under the auspices of the Oklahoma Republican newspaper men at the Skirvin hotel last night in observance of Lincoln's birthday. Two hundred guests were seated at the banquet table to do honor to the occasion.

J. W. Kaysor of Chickasha, former postmaster and newspaper man of that city, conducted the ceremonies as toastmaster, and said that in the first place the occasion was the observance of the birth day of the greatest American citizen, and in the second place to unify Republicans in Oklahoma. "What a need we have these days for a Lincoln," he said. When the tables had been cleared Mr. Kaysor introduced the first speaker, H. M. Parmenter of Lawton, one of Oklahoma's best orators, who left no hour reviewed events in American history around which the spirit of Lincoln was so wavy that but for the influence of his great life they must have failed.

Lincoln was not of the north, south, east nor west, said the speaker, but he was of the American people. He was not president of any particular section of the country. He was for humanity and the founder of the Republican party.

Back to Prosperity.

A few days ago, said Mr. Parmenter the chief executive of the country in his address, "the Republican party had not had an idea for thirty years.

A review of the events of world-making history, achievements of the Republican party and of the government under the leadership of the party, was made by the speaker. Beginning with McKinley who brought prosperity after the Cleveland administration had driven it out of the country, he followed the Cleveland bond issue to the present war tax, and the latter coming in time of peace.

The Republican party brought prosperity when Cleveland went out," he said.

"McKinley opened the month of the 100th so the nation could work, he started the wheels of machine, and Coxey's army followed Cleveland out, and we have not heard of them since."

The Republican party has brought about all the greatest reform laws we have had in the last thirty years he said. One of them was the Modus white slave act and the first to be caught under its provisions was the distinguished Democrat of California.

The policy of the Wilson administration in Mexico was characterized as un-American and to some extent bordering on cowardice. Hero Americans had been insulted and shot at, but no retribution had been exacted under the watchful protective tariff.

Need a Protective Tariff.

He said the country had under another Democratic administration been thrown into business depression, thousands thrown out of employment under a free trade system which had finally made it imperative to inflict a war tax on the people. "Prosperity can come until the Republican party can put a protective tariff on the statue books," he declared.

H. G. McKeever of Enid gave some pointed suggestions as to Oklahoma Republicanism. Members of the party had their differences, had not always stood together, but that misunderstanding had passed and there should be nothing in the future to cause a division, he said. The last campaign had demonstrated they could get together. In future campaigns the party should construct a platform upon which all could stand and there would be no occasion for division. "Let's cultivate the habit of telling what is the tenth," he said, "for we have been lied to so much by the Democrats."

The consternation read telegrams from John Fields, United States Senator Borah and Governor Whitman of New York. They were all sincere greetings to the Republicans of Oklahoma.

Credits Newspaper Men. Chairman Arthur H. Gessler of the Republican state central committee, next on the speaker's list, expressed great hope for the party in 1916. He said that whatever success the party had during the last campaign had been due chiefly to the splendid co-operation of the Republican newspaper men of the state. "We are looking to 1916 for relief from conditions, especially in Oklahoma," he said, "and we have great confidence that that shall be successful in realizing our hopes." He referred to the campaign of 1914 which showed a substantial Republican gain. He would that the party should be cautious in the selection of a candidate for president in 1916, "as there is plenty of presidential material."

Tostmaster Kaysor, before introducing the next speaker, asked if there were any in the banquet hall who had voted for Lincoln. In response eight arose. They were W. J. Ladd, Wilburton; J. M. Zackery, Marlow; W. B. Campbell, Oklahoma City; J. L. Brown, Oklahoma City; William Higgins, Bartlesville; J. Sherman, Lexington; W. A. Lowe, Oklahoma City; and W. B. Blair, Hobart.

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A talk with Burns, Jeffries and Flynn indicates that Johnson is not the man the public gives him credit for being. In his fight with Burns his seconds called from beneath the platform for the police to stop the fight, and in the fight with Jeffries and Flynn, each admit they were deficient in the fine art.

The fight will be a case of the "survival of the fittest," as Willard is opposed to and absolutely liberated from all intrigue and is going into the fight to win. He knows defeat by the black means for him to trend the road to publicity as did all previous victims of the exiled negro.

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Spars has been playing billiards for thirty-one years, and is one of the best known stars in the United States. He has broken several world's records at billiards, among his many performances being the following of interest: World's highest run, straight rail, 5,041, made at Jackson, Mich.; 18-2, bulk line, 210, at Tacoma, Wash., and an average of 2 in 40 points at three-cushion carom in Minneapolis, Minn.

He will meet John Kreiger, champion of Iowa, in a 200 point game, and will give an exhibition of fancy billiard and pool shots after the game. The exhibition will be for the members of the Elks club only.

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